



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
JUNE 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Commissioner Cannella announced that this is Flag Week and distributed flags to fellow Commissioners and guests.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Frank S. Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
John Hammargren

Others Present

Jennifer Lehman, Deputy County Counsel
Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 7, 2006 were approved with the following corrections:

ATTENDANCE

John A. Hammargren

Addition: Commissioner Moore recommended the Commission send a letter to Supervisor Yaroslavsky requesting him to fill the two vacancies from the Third District.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PETITION TO THE JUVENILE COURT

Jennifer Lehman of County Counsel advised the commission that this issue will need to be presented to the Board of Supervisors before discussion with the Los Angeles Superior Court and agreed to update the commission at the next meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano reported that the Southwest Region had a fundraiser for Officer Racotti who was paralyzed from a gunshot wound she received in the line of duty. Following discussion, the commission agreed to place this issue on hold.

The Commission complimented staff for the press release that was prepared for Commissioner Rita Hall.

Commissioner Moore requested that the letter to Sheriff Leroy Baca contain information regarding the Long Beach, Torrance and Compton Courthouses.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$746.00

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Sandra Barbee reported the following:

1. Web page development for the Sybil Brand Commission will begin. Commissioner's bios have been completed and the commission now needs to consider agency links to be included in the webpage.
2. Staff will revise the letter to Sheriff Leroy Baca regarding the Long Beach, Torrance and Compton Courthouses and forward a copy to County Counsel Lehman for review.
3. The nameplate for Commissioner Rita Hall was incorrect and returned to the supplier for revision.

4. The press release for Commissioner Hall was mailed to the press, television and radio stations.
5. She spoke briefly with Mr. Edminston of the Chief Administrative Office on the issue of funding for lock up facilities and he agreed to look into this matter.
6. She identified areas requiring procedural clarification on payments and reimbursements to group homes.
7. After discussion, she announced that the Commissioners' group picture for the Sybil Brand Commission brochure will be taken on July 12, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Glass/St. Andrews Place – 49 #9

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hall visited this facility on June 12th and found everything was in order.

Linden Center - 63 #2

Chair Montano visited this facility on June 12th and found the fire extinguishers needed to be recharged.

Glass Arlington Group Home – 48 #1

Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore visited this facility on June 6th and found the facility to be very clean inside and outside. The areas of concern: new carpet will be installed, plates will be replaced, and computer use will be monitored.

Frances Foundation – 46 #1

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility on June 12th, and found it was closed two months ago and the telephone disconnected.

Compton Court

Commissioners Moore and Hall visited this facility on June 8th, and found the following areas of concern: sewage problems; the L and K tanks leak when it rains; a suicide kit is needed on each floor, a garage door sensor is needed; more deputies need to receive DNA training to assist with releases; deputies need size appropriate fire roll-out suits and a camera needs to be installed at the Sally Port. The installation of an "inline grinder" would eliminate the

blockage or spillage when inmates purposely stop up the toilets. Special toilets also can be installed to prevent back ups.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano assigned the inspection duties to Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

1. Procedure on payments and reimbursements to group homes.
2. Possible action on letter regarding conditions at the Long Beach, Torrance and Compton Court Houses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Barbee

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Chief, Commission Services Division